

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MARCH 3, 2026**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Marshall City Council met in Regular Session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Council Chambers of the City Office Building, 214 N. Lafayette Ave., Marshall, MO 65340, with the following members present: Mayor Craig Thompson; Council Members Drew Green, Jim Papreck, Jeremy Gibson, Carter Fawkes, John Allen, Nathan Swisher and Harold Simmons; City Administrator JD Kehrman, City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy and City Clerk Julie Lewis. Council Member Brandt excused absent.

Mayor Thompson said he would like to suggest amending the agenda to remove item number one under ordinances. There have been a lot of questions surrounding the proposed ordinance and he would like to give Council more time to make sure all of their questions and concerns from the public are addressed.

Council Member Swisher made a motion, seconded by Allen, to amend the agenda by removing item number 7.1. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Brandt excused absent. Motion carried.

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Green, to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 17, 2026. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Brandt excused absent. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Council Member Green gave the following Stormwater Tip:

Recycle used motor oil. Municipal Services will accept used motor oil.  
Call 660-886-3945. Whatever you do, never dump motor oil, gasoline, or solvents down a storm drain! Report such activities to Municipal Services.  
Where stormwater flows, everything goes!

Council Member Green said agricultural operations will begin soon at the Airport.

**PROPERTY, FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Council Member Papreck reported revenues are at 49.13% of budgeted amounts and expenditures are at 49.79% of budgeted amounts. Everything is on target as we head into the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the fiscal year. There were no grant funds deposited this month.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CODE COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

No report.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

City Administrator JD Kehrman presented a memo to Council regarding no chance gaming machines. On February 13, 2026, there was a court ruling declaring the gaming machines as illegal gambling devices.

City Counselor Elizabeth Bellamy said she attended the recent Missouri Municipal League conference and Missouri Attorney General Catherine Hanaway addressed the enforcement at a state level. It is recommended to give it time to play out prior to enforcement at a local level. Citizens who wish to report suspected illegal gambling machines may contact the Missouri State Gaming Commission's Illegal Gambling tip line at 573-526-4080.

There will be an informational meeting regarding the proposed Street Tax on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6 p.m in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting is a chance for citizens to ask any questions they may have.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

No report by Mayor Thompson.

Council Member Green said he visited the smokestack site, that was recently cleaned up by Municipal Services, looking for better ways for traffic flow. He feels there should be another traffic lane to accommodate buses since they cannot make the turn.

Council Member Green discussed some ideas and asked Council Members to go and look at it.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Susan Pointer, business owner, expressed concerns about the proposed fee schedule for third party inspections and permitting. A copy of the full statement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Willie Harlow, business owner, said he believes in supporting taxes that are good for our community, that's how we grow, but when you don't have good leadership with a vested interest in our town, it is hard for business to grow. Our town is in decline and morale is horrendous. He asked Council members to take a good look at the leadership.

Holly Rayl, business owner, spoke about local investment and community impact. Under the proposed fee structure, our local tax dollars will be going out of town. Marshall deserves growth strategies that keep our dollars here and strengthen our own workforce. A copy of the full statement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Dale Sassman, electrician, said he has a lot of concerns about not having an in house compliance officer; growth is being thwarted. An in-house code official is essential for compliance. Local contractors need a code official that is present rather than outsourcing the position.

Darrell Ahrens, contractor, said he is concerned about the affordability of homes in our community under the proposed fee structure. He gave examples of what the cost would be for plan review, etc, under the proposed fee structure and what he paid several years ago. He asked

Council if each of them are 100% sure this is the answer. Have they reviewed the costs? We are encouraged to buy local, shop local, do we hire and build local?

Council Member Papreck said the City's fee structure needs to be revamped and the City should start with a philosophical goal of determining what percentage of expenses should be recouped through fees. Trying to recoup 100% is not acceptable since development benefits the whole community and taxpayers should subsidize those development fees. He feels there should be a locally developed fee based schedule. He also feels that the Council, as a whole, should direct the City Administrator to hire an inspector.

## **MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ANNUAL REPORT**

Mayor Thompson said this report has been moved to the March 17, 2026 Council meeting.

### **ORDINANCES**

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OUT OF THE DIFFERENT CITY FUNDS" was given its first reading by title only.

Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Green, to take the ordinance to a second reading. A roll call vote was taken with Allen, Swisher, Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson and Fawkes voting aye; Brandt excused absent. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 8928 entitled "AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS OUT OF THE DIFFERENT CITY FUNDS" was given its second reading by title only and put to its final passage and approval upon motion of Green, seconded by Papreck. A roll call vote was taken with Swisher, Simmons, Green, Papreck, Gibson, Fawkes and Allen voting aye; Brandt excused absent. The ordinance is thereupon declared passed and so endorsed by the President of the Council and approved by the Mayor.

### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Council Member Green said the old "Fitzgibbon Hospital" site was sold to a builder and twelve houses were to be built. One house was built and then the property was sold.

City Administrator JD Kehrman said the new owner has reached out to the City.

Council Member Green said he would like to know how much the property sold for.

There being no other Council Business, Council Member Papreck made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken with all in attendance in favor; Brandt excused absent. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Julie Lewis, City Clerk